

Application Serial No. 10/774,846  
Reply to Office Action of December 5, 2005

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### REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated December 5, 2005, the Examiner states that Claims 1-31 are pending, Claims 1, 2 and 31 are rejected, Claims 3 and 4 are objected to and Claims 5-30 have not been considered. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 5-30 are objected to as being in improper multiple dependent claim format, and have not been considered. The Applicant has revised the claims to remove the improper multiple dependencies, reference numerals, and characterizing language.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dillon et al (US 4,815,547). The Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the features of Claim 3 which is indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Thus, the Applicant considers Claims 1 and 4-30 to be allowable.

Independent Claim 31 recites a weighing apparatus comprising a plurality of load cells, a means for receiving a load supported by said load cells, a means associated with each load cell to supply a digital representation of the load on each load cell, wherein it furthermore comprises a means for varying the gain of each load cell in function of correction coefficients  $X_j$  calculated for each load cell, to obtain a corrected digital representation of the load on each load cell. US 4,815,547 does not disclose in any way a weighing apparatus with a plurality of load cells and means for varying the gain of each load cell in function of a correction coefficients  $X_j$  calculated for each load cell, to obtain a corrected digital representation of the load on each load cell.

Therefore, the Applicant considers the rejection to Claim 31 should be withdrawn.

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In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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